

**Appl. No. 10/771,079**  
**Amdt. Dated December 8, 2004**  
**Reply to Office Action of September 27, 2004**

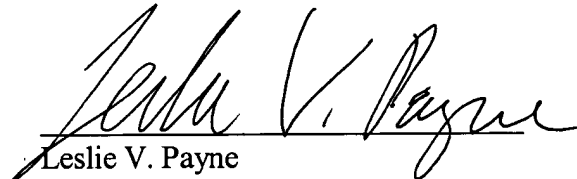
**REMARKS/ARGUMENT**

In the Office action dated September 27, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3 and 6-32, objected to claims 4-5 and allowed claims 33-40. In response, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-32 without prejudice to filing a continuation application. Thus, the only pending claims are claims 33-40, which have previously been allowed. Applicants, therefore, believe all claims are in condition for allowance.

**CONCLUSION**

For the reasons stated above, all claims are in condition for allowance and such favorable action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments or otherwise feels it would be helpful, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (713) 238-8044.

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